

## AGENDA



Thursday, January 10, 2008

## Public Works

Item No. 29

## RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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**Subject:** Authorize negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with COTERA + REED ARCHITECTS (MBE/MH), Austin, TX, to develop architectural and engineering design and construction documents for the I-35 Makeover between East 6th and East 8th Streets, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Capital Budget of the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is attached.

**For More Information:** Mark Schruben 974-7048, Rosie Truelove 974-3064, Robin Field 974-7064.

**Purchasing Language:** One qualification statement received.

**MBE/WBE:** This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9A of the City code (Minority Owned and Women Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program) by meeting the goals with 16.5% MBE and 14.2% WBE subconsultant participation.

**Prior Council Action:** March 3, 2007: Resolution setting aside \$1.5 million to be provided by the future issuance of non-tax supported certificates of obligation and \$600,000 from parking lot revenue to be used for the I-35 Makeover Project construction.

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The City of Austin manages two surface parking lots owned by the Texas Department of Transportation between East 6th Street and East 8th Street under I-35. In 2004 a coalition was formed to help transform this neglected area into a safe, clean and attractive gateway reconnecting downtown to east Austin. The I-35 Makeover Coalition provided private sector support to promote a project that includes improved lighting, landscaping and public artwork.

In 2004, the I-35 Makeover Coalition issued a public Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the project and selected a design consultant to develop a design concept. In November 2007, the City issued its own RFQ for design, construction documents and project management to complete the project initiated by the I-35 Makeover Coalition over three years ago. The Consultant selected through this RFQ will work with the City and stakeholders to develop their own design for the I-35 Makeover project. The selected firm will provide a survey/base map development, interim and final schematic design and construction/bid documents.